

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION**DATE:** March 2, 1992**FROM:** David Nicoli**SUBJECT: New Legislation Granting FDA Regulatory Authority Over Tobacco**

On February 27, Rep. Mike Synar (D-OK) introduced legislation that would grant FDA the authority to regulate tobacco. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) is expected to introduce a companion bill in the Senate shortly.

I have attached for your review a copy of Synar's February 27 floor statement and a copy of his bill. We will discuss this legislation at our March 11 meeting on the Kennedy bill. In the meantime, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments concerning the enclosed materials.

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